

July 19, 1978 Wednesday

Dear Vicki and Jimmy,

We had a very good time at the ocean and stayed two nights at Rockaway and had a nice room fronting the beach and the weather was perfect. We drove home by way of Corvallis and there the weather started getting very hot. Corvallis has grown to quite a large city since I saw it several years ago. We spent the night at a nice motel just a few miles before Beaverton. Our next trip is going to be to Lake Chelan. Right now Mike has a very busy schedule in fact this week he has four or five fund raisers and coffee parties, so dad and I go over there to stay with Diane as it saves Mary and Mike a lot of driving back and forth. Mary has two tickets for the Tut showing and is going to-night with a girl friend. Dad had the first chance to go with her but isn't that interested. We may go later on in the fall.

Yesterday afternoon dad and I drove to Golden Gardens and Shilshole Bay and had dinner in a restaurant along the sound. It was a beautiful evening. Today we are going in to Seattle and ride the monorail over to the Seattle Center and this evening we will go to Mary's and stay with Diane.

Dick has turned down the so called promotion at the New York office, because when he figured the extra cost of living there with both state and city taxes and commuting, plus everything else that costs more there, he figured he would be making only thirteen dollars a month more than he makes here, so unless they come up with a better deal they won't be moving. They did put their house on the market for just one day and then decided against it. Their house was appraised for seventy thousand dollars. I just can't believe the huge prices for houses now.

Ruthie and Jack and the children have gone up to their cabin for two weeks. The will do a lot of hiking and today are starting their hike on a trail starting from Sunrise. They will be on the trail for two nights and now hikers have to get reservations.

I like fried oysters now and even ordered them for dinner when we were at the ocean. Dad is ready to go now so I had better stop.

Love, Mom.

I meant to tell you that we stopped at Seaside on our way to the ocean. There were no vacancies but the charge for one room with bath is 47 dollars and the check in time is not until 4 o'clock in the afternoon and out by twelve noon. The crowds there and also at Cannon Beach were unbelievable. It was perfect at Rockaway and we were so lucky to get the last vacancy and for only twenty-four dollars. When we left there we had a late breakfast at the big seaside restaurant in Newport Beach.

Wicki - I think Francis' cabin is at Cannon Beach and Elmer doesn't agree. Who is right.

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